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Constable Brian Rapson

Toronto Cops Shoot Another Black Teen

Speeding Ticket Not Enough

Racism in Toronto has again taken on a particularly brutal form as police attempted to institute the death penalty for traffic violations involving Black people. Marlon Neal, 16, was shot by Metro constable Rapson merely for refusing to step out of his car when asked to. Neal was suspected of speeding, which up until now hasn't generally been considered a capital offense, but in the eyes of Metro's police it seems almost any crime in which the suspects are Black youth is punish-

able by brutal violence. Marlon Neal is still alive, fortunately. The cop has been charged with criminal negligence causing bodily harm, an unusual charge for what seems to be attempted murder. It goes without saying that had the victim been white, or a cop, shot by a citizen, the charges would be much different.

The fact that the cop was charged at all, however, can only be attributed to the fear the authorities have of the power of Toronto communities who are outraged over the continuing cycle of police violence. The efforts of organizations and activists fighting racism and police violence in Toronto should never be seen as futile, as several years ago the cop wouldn't even have been suspended (with pay). Now it seems the cops' and politicians' fear that their usual indifference will elicit a response they can't handle, and are seeking to placate outraged citizens with insignificant charges like criminal negligence.

There's no reason to stop here. If we can force the cops to respond in this pathetic manner with the threat of an uprising, that threat should be repeated until real justice occurs.

Jamaica Under Manley

With the announcement that he will levy a goods and services tax similar to that being imposed on Canadians, Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley's sellout to the International Monetary Fund becomes complete. As Canadians know all too well, sales taxes are a means of forcing lower income people to pay a much higher proportion of their income in taxes than do the wealthy. Ja-

maicans will suffer even more than Canadians, since a much higher percentage of the population earns a subsistence income and will have its ability to buy necessities curtailed.

In the 1970's, the USA launched a campaign of economic destabilization and mass murder against Jamaica because Manley rejected IMF

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...And Manley Under The IMF

demands that he lower the people's living standards. Shipments of incoming food were poisoned, CIA-trained gunman killed at random, plots to kill Manley and launch a coup (which failed) were tried, export markets were cut off and eventually Manley was forced to submit to IMF demands. A resulting drop in living standards, coupled with increased violence, eroded Manley's popular support and enabled a U.S.-funded CIA stooge named Seaga to win the 1980 election. Eight years later, he'd made such a mess of the country that Manley was able to resume power. By now, however, Manley had concluded that only by yielding to IMF demands—which the goods and service tax is the latest—could he prevent the U.S.A. from

instigating any more violence.

The pattern here is similar to that of U.S. interference in many other countries, not all of them in the third world. In Canada, for instance, the GST and other tax increases have been precipitated by an IMF demand that our living standards be curtailed (the IMF is controlled by the U.S.A., which in turn is controlled by corporate interests.) Canada still earns most of its foreign exchange by exporting its increasingly scarce natural resources; and like the eastern European countries now embracing capitalism, Canada ranks somewhere between the western industrialized powers and the third world. The grudging inclusion of Canada and Italy in economic summits is more due to their unques-

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tioning adherence to U.S. foreign policy than to their economic status.

Superpower and satellite alike are falling in with corporate schemes to widen the disparity between rich and poor (Mitterrand's "socialist" government in France is another case in point.) Elections in all these countries have been reduced to an advertising exercise seducing the populace to vote against their own best interests. Progressive groups opposing public service cutbacks in Canada are fighting the same battle as groups fighting for justice in the third world, and a common front is needed to resist repression and find means other than the state for meeting peoples' needs.

Ohio 7 Update

Tom Manning was sentenced last February to life imprisonment for the 1981 killing of U.S. State Trooper Philip Lamonaco who, after stopping Manning's vehicle, had recognized him as an underground activist and was preparing to execute him on the spot. Rejecting Manning's plea of self defence, the state convicted him in 1987 of felony murder, robbery and escape. The sentence is concurrent to a 53 year federal term for armed actions against property of American multinationals.

Manning stated: "...there is a revolutionary resistance movement of

people willing, and with the ability to work for, and fight for, and defend by any means necessary, the goals, ideals and hopes of a future society free of economic exploitation, sexism, ageism and genocidal racism...In defending myself in a confrontation with an armed agent of the state, I was defending everything that this movement stands for, everything I believe in."

The jury couldn't reach a verdict on Richard Williams, also indicted in the case, and a mistrial was declared. The state will try again, most likely in September.

Ecomedia Toronto

Ecomedia is an international "wire service" that acts as an alternative to regular news services. We focus on news and often censored information on autonomous and anarchist resistance and analysis of current events.

Ecomedia Toronto is a local office involved in three main projects: a radio show every Wednesday on CKLN 88.1 FM between 7 and 8 pm on the "Word of Mouth" program; also another radio spot at 12:15am on CIUT 89.5 FM; and the bulletin in your hands. Published bi-weekly and free at locations around the city; subscriptions are \$15/yr (26 issues) mailed monthly to cut costs. Order from the address on the front with cheques or M.O.'s payable to Ecomedia.

Alternatives to Austerity in Argentina

An Argentinian libertarian organization, Grupo Impulso Autogestionario, is striving to create alternatives to the austerity program which Saul Menem's government considers the only answer to the country's chaotic economic conditions. Before Menem recently came to power, Argentina was ruled by a USA-backed military regime, which murdered thousands and borrowed large amounts of money which were stolen, diverted to agribusiness or salted away in Swiss bank accounts. The solution to mass unemployment was to create a vast array of state enterprises and bureaucracies to create jobs for political cronies and some of the unemployed. When the country's economic conditions became hopeless, the generals allowed a civilian government under Menem to take over.

Now the people are expected to repay the money borrowed by the generals, with widespread civil service cuts planned. The military remained immune to prosecution for its crimes, and continues to intervene in internal conflicts to suppress popular protests. Many of the middle class are being driven into the ranks of the poor, who live in abject poverty (similar creation of a two-tier society is happening in most third world countries—see article on Jamaica—and in industrial countries as well.)

Grupo states: "The ruling classes and their political front men who control the government are using the foreign debt (which might as well be called the eternal debt, since it is unpayable) as an excuse for continued exploitation. They present as indisputable the false alter-

natives that public services can only be 'inefficiently run by the state' or 'efficiently run by oligarchies linked to multinational capital.' We libertarian socialists know that there are valid alternatives to both: public services can be run by their own workers. We also assert that only through the socialization of health care services can health be assured for everyone. The complex problem of housing can be solved through the creation of cooperatives in which members work together to build and maintain their own homes. But all this would admittedly be quite difficult under the prevailing system of capital exploitation and domination.

"Still, we don't think that it is necessary to wait for some distant future to fight for dignity and against exploitation. That is why, as a libertarian organization, we are participating right now, alongside others, in the resistance to the state-sponsored plundering. We are completely opposed to the social model which aims to create first and second class citizens within one country. We are struggling, and will continue to struggle, against this attempt to impose *de facto* South African style apartheid in this part of the world."

For information on upcoming events of interest to the anarchist or activist community, or if you know of an event the community should know about, call the anarchist hotline, 535-5731.

Old Growth Forest in Maine to be Logged

Maine is the most heavily forested state in the US but only 7000 acres of old growth remain. Of those few remaining areas in the Northern Appalachians, the most significant, including the 5000 acre Big Reed Pond area, are scheduled to be cut this year. Recently the Maine chapter of The Nature Conservancy bought 3800 acres from the Pringy heirs, who own almost a million acres of Maine woodlands. The remaining 1200 acres of Big Reed old growth are to be logged.

A network of logging roads are currently under construction and cutting cannot be far off. Pressure is being brought to bear on the Pringys to preserve the 1200 acres and to allow a buffer zone of at least 3 miles around the Big Reed Pond area.

Mexico Endorses Turtle Slaughter

MEXICO - The killing of Ridley turtles here is the largest massacre of an endangered species in the world. Four of the twelve major nesting beaches were in Mexico, but three have been deserted due to the massive destruction of nesting females and their eggs. The collapse of the population on the last beach is imminent. Despite an annual quota of 23,000 and a commitment by the Mexican government to reduce this to zero by 1992, Mexico is killing over 75,000 turtles each year. Homero Aridjis of the Mexican environmental organization, Group of 100, says that by 1992 there will be no turtles left to protect. Write or call the Mexican Embassy at 130 Albert St., Ottawa, 613-233-8988.

Crazy Horse to Ride Again

The US Eighth Court of Appeals has ruled that a suit brought by FBI Agent David Price against author Peter Matthiessen and his publisher Viking has "no basis". The case launched in 1984 for \$20 million, alleged defamation of character in Matthiessen's book *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse*. In 1983, former South Dakota governor William "Wild Bill" Janklow had filed a libel suit against Matthiessen and Viking over the same book. Janklow's case was thrown out in 1984.

The book itself details the FBI's repression of the American Indian Movement (AIM) on and around the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation from 1973 to 1976 and the subsequent framing of Leonard Peltier for the deaths of two FBI agents. Janklow sued for libel because Matthiessen repeats what was common knowledge and had been reported elsewhere, namely that Janklow had been accused of raping his babysitter in 1967, a 15-year old named Jancita Eagle Deer. The local FBI apparently tried to cover this up but the tribal court on the nearby Rosebud Reservation issued a warrant for his arrest if he should set foot on the reservation. Sadly, Eagle Deer was found dead beside a Nebraska highway in 1974 and the matter has never been cleared up. All this had been published before but only by small presses with limited distribution. The combination of an award winning author and a large promotional budget which Viking has could mean a potential audience of millions. Not only would the governor's misdeeds be widely disseminated but so would the details of a typical FBI dirty work operation.



Leonard Peltier

Agent Price's suit claimed that the book was one-sided and cast him as a racist. Both Viking and Matthiessen note that most FBI and government officials would not cooperate with them. Price is quoted verbatim, in context and at length. Price's suit had been dismissed and reinstated many times over the years and it appears that money to cover court costs did not come from Price (as an FBI agent his maximum salary is approx. \$40,000). Janklow though well off is also not rich. Viking and Matthiessen estimate their court costs at \$3.5 million and it must have cost Price and Janklow as much. Matthiessen suspects tax dollars were used but has no way of proving it. A right wing Coor's sponsored think tank, the Heritage Foundation, also poured \$1 million into the case as well as arranging for "donations" to the Price and Janklow cause.

The legal victory is tempered by the fact that *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse* was kept off the shelves for 6 years when it could have done Peltier the most good. A new revised edition of Matthiessen's book is expected out by the end of the summer.

CALENDAR

Thursday May 24

Protest Indonesian genocide in East Timor at the Indonesian Consulate on University Ave. south of Dundas. Call ACT for Disarmament at 960-2228 for details about the demonstration.

Friday May 25

The Canada-Tibet Committee presents a talk on the Tibetan struggle for independence. Two speakers are scheduled including the president of the Tibetan Youth Congress. The talk is at 7:30 in the Medical Sciences Auditorium, 1 King's College Circle, U of T. Suggested donation of \$5 which goes to the Tibetan Youth Congress. Call 484-4138 for more information.

Saturday May 26

The Coalition for the Truth about Africa is protesting the racist exhibit "Into The Heart Of Africa" at the Royal Ontario Museum every Saturday at 12:00 noon. The museum is located at Avenue Rd. and Bloor or get off at the Museum subway stop. Protest cultural imperialism at the Racist Ontario Musem.

Wednesday May 30

Azania Now and the Kensington Market Drum present an open forum on the struggle for a free South Africa at 7:00 pm at the Cecil Community Centre, 58 Cecil St.

Kathedral B is looking for a vegan, gay and lesbian positive, profeminist, tidy and rent conscious, male or female to inhabit a room starting June or July. Call Deb or Lorraine 530-0995.

Cooperative house in Kensington Market looking for roommate. Call Mike or Heather 599-2358.